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1. TEXT OF LETTER DATED 5 AUGUST 1975 FROM SC PRESIDENT
SAITO (JAPAN) TO SC MEMBERS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WISHES TO INFORM
MEMBERS THAT HE HAS RECEIVED THE ATTACHED COMMUNICATION
DATED 4 AUGUST 1975 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL CONCERNING
THE FURTHER COORDINATION OF PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN THE
MIDDLE EAST.

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THIS LETTER CONTAINS CERTAIN PROPOSALS WHICH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL INTENDS TO PUT INTO FORCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SHOULD THE COUNCIL BE AGREEABLE TO THEM.

ACCORDINGLY, THIS COMMUNICATION WILL REQUIRE TIMELY ACTION BY THE SC. UNQUOTE

2. TEXT OF LETTER DATED 4 AUGUST 1975 FROM SYG WALDHEIM TO SC PRESIDENT SAITO, INCLUDED AS ENCLOSURE TO SAITO'S LETTER REPRODUCED ABOVE, FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

MR. PRESIDENT,

I SHOULD LIKE TO INFORM THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF MY THINKING AS REGARDS THE FUTURE COORDINATION OF PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

THERE ARE AT PRESENT THREE PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS OF DIFFERENT KINDS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AREA, NAMELY UNTSO, UNEF AND UNDOF, WHICH DEAL WITH RELATED PROBLEMS AND SHARE CERTAIN COMMON SERVICES. THERE WOULD BE, I BELIEVE, GREAT ADVANTAGE IN ESTABLISHING A COORDINATING MECHANISM FOR THEIR ACTIVITIES AND ADMINISTRATION. SINCE THE CONSTITUTIONAL ORIGINS AND THE MANDATES AND FUNCTIONS OF THESE THREE OPERATIONS ARE DIFFERENT, IT IS OBVIOUSLY NOT POSSIBLE TO UNIFY THEM AND THEY WILL MAINTAIN THEIR OPERATIONAL IDENTITY. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE OF ADVANTAGE TO ALL CONCERNED, INCLUDING THE PARTIES THEMSELVES, THE COUNTRIES PROVIDING CONTINGENTS AND ALSO THE UN, IF A GREATER DEGREE OF COORDINATION AMONG THE THREE OPERATIONS COULD BE ESTABLISHED. SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT SHOULD ALSO MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO SOME EXTENT TO STREAMLINE THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICAL SET-UP.

IN THE LIGHT OF THE ABOVE, I PROPOSE TO APPOINT LT. GENERAL ENSIO SIILASVUO, WHO IS CURRENTLY THE COMMANDER OF UNEF, AS THE CHIEF COORDINATOR OF UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT IS ALSO MY INTENTION, UNCLASSIFIED

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IF THE COUNCIL SO CONSENTS, TO APPOINT MAJOR-GENERAL BENGT LILJESTRAND, WHO IS AT PRESENT CHIEF OF STAFF OF UNTSO, AS COMMANDER OF UNEF. AS THE COUNCIL IS ALREADY AWARE, MAJOR-GENERAL HANNES PHILIPP HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS COMMANDER OF UNDOF. FOR THE TIME BEING, IN VIEW OF THE SOMEWHAT RESTRICTED NATURE OF ITS CURRENT ACTIVITIES, I BELIEVE THAT UNTSO COULD BE RUN ADEQUATELY BY THE EXISTING STAFF IN JERUSALEM. GENERAL SIILASVUO AND HIS SMALL STAFF

WOULD UTILIZE THE EXISTING ACCOMMODATION, COMMUNICATIONS
AND FACILITIES OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF UNTSO. GENERAL SIILASVUO
WOULD CONTINUE AS NECESSARY TO DISCHARGE HIS FUNCTIONS IN
RELATION TO THE MILITARYWORKING GROUP OF THE GENEVA
PEACE CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE
FOR LIAISON AND CONTACT WITH THE PARTIES ON IMPORTANT
SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS RELATING TO PEACEKEEPING IN THE MIDDLE
EAST.

SHOULD THE COUNCIL BE AGREEABLE TO THE ABOVE PROPOSALS,
MY INTENTION WOULD BE TO PUT THEM INTO FORCE AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.

YOURS SINCERLY
KURT WALDHEIM
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